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SUBJECT: CARDINAL BENGSCHE ATTACKS GDR POLICIES

WE WOULD BE INTERESTED TO KNOW IF EMBASSY BERLIN HAS PERCEIVED ANY REACTIONS FROM PUBLIC OR EAST GERMAN AUTHORITIES TO CARDINAL BENGSCHE'S PASTORAL LETTER WHICH WAS READ IN ALL EAST GERMAN CATHOLIC CHURCHES IN LATE NOVEMBER. ACCORDING TO VATICAN SOURCES, CARDINAL LEVELLED UNUSUALLY STRONG ATTACK AT GDR FOR ITS POLICIES TOWARD RELIGION, SCHOOLING AND CIVIL RIGHTS. FACT THAT GDR HAS SEEMINGLY NOT REACTED STRONGLY TO MESSAGE IS BEING VARIOUSLY INTERPRETED IN VATICAN CIRCLES AS GDR'S SIGNAL TO VATICAN THAT THEY NOT ANXIOUS TO TROUBLE ATMOSPHERE IN HOPE OF HOLDING DIALOGUE WITH VATICAN OR THAT GDR CONSIDERS CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SUCH INSIGNIFICANCE IN EAST GERMANY THAT CARDINAL'S OUTBURST NOT WORTHY OF COMMENT. VOLPE

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